

# ***Low Dutch Cousins***

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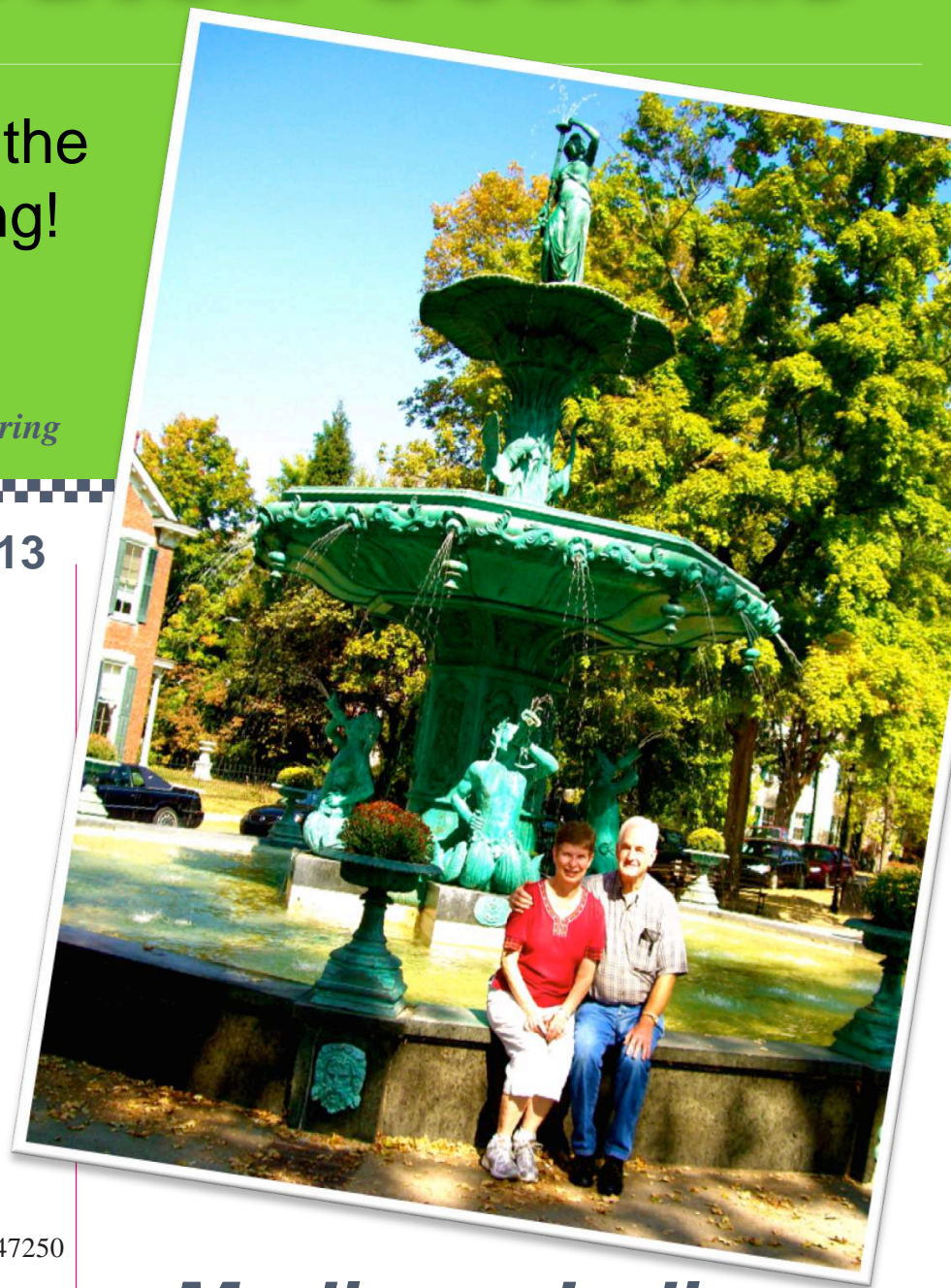
*Our 5<sup>th</sup> Dutch Cousins Gathering*

**September 20-23, 2013**

Friday, Sept 20	<b>Clifty Falls Inn, Madison IN</b>
Saturday, Sept 21	<b>Clifty Falls Inn, Madison, IN</b>
Sunday, Sept 22	<b>Pleasureville and Harrodsburg, KY</b>
Monday, Sept 23	<b>Harrodsburg, KY</b>

*See You There!*

Clifty Falls Inn (Indiana State Parks)  
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***Madison, Indiana***

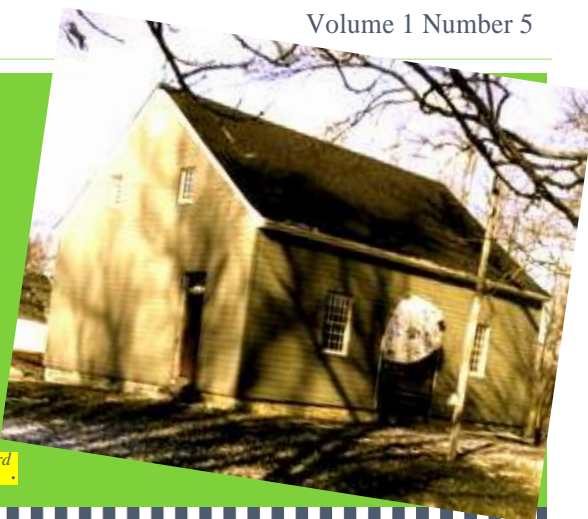


From New Amsterdam in the 1600s to  
New Jersey to Pennsylvania to Kentucky to  
Indiana and on ... and on ...



Left, an artist's conception of our Old Mud Meetinghouse in 1800.

Right, today after restoration, where we will worship on Sunday Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>.



## Our Legacy – Two Old Dutch Meetinghouses restored in Kentucky

By Carolyn B Leonard

In 1780 Hendrick Banta led a large group of Dutch pioneers from Conewago Colony in then-York County, Pennsylvania, down the Ohio to embark above the Falls of the Ohio. They rented land from John Floyd and built a Low Dutch (New Holland) station just outside of present-day Louisville, one of six pioneer forts on Beargrass Creek. Fleeing from Indians, the group later settled for a time in Mercer County near Fort Harrod (Harrodsburg).

They called themselves “Low Dutch” to specify they came from the lowlands of the Netherlands.

We read in histories that "Father David Rice—preached his first sermon in Kentucky in 1783 at the Dutch Meetinghouse between the Low Dutch and Harrods Stations."

Also, "The first Court of the District of Kentucky met at the Dutch meeting house (same one) in the same year 1783, and James Harrod, was one of those indicted for selling liquor... at the

Dutch Station." It could not have been at “our” Old Mud Meetinghouse because it was not built until 1800, but we believe that first meeting house was near there.

In 1796 Rev. Peter Labagh came from Pennsylvania on horseback and helped organize the Dutch group. On 22 Dec 1800, David & Elizabeth Adams deeded three acres to the Reformed Church for a house of worship— and that “house of worship” is still there! Our Old Mud Meetinghouse, is newly restored at Harrodsburg.

THE CHURCH SOON BECAME KNOWN AS THE OLD MUD MEETINGHOUSE BECAUSE OF THE UNIQUE DUTCH STYLE MUD AND WATTLE INSULATION.

The Low Dutch were farmers who wanted their own lands.

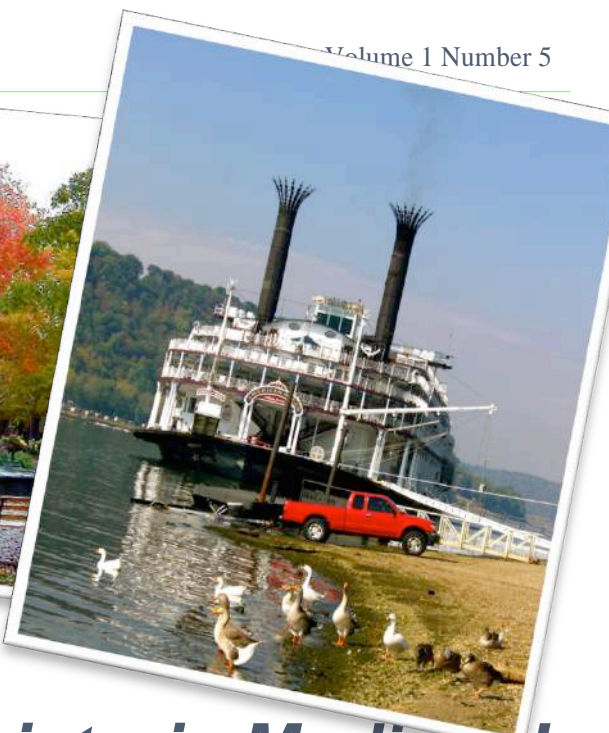
Here is how **historian Vince Akers** described it in one of his speeches:

“In 1782 the Low Dutch took their dream to Congress—the Continental Congress—in the form of a petition asking for a grant of land on the northwest side of the Ohio River. They described how

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Six-Mile Meetinghouse built 1824 near Pleasureville, KY, we will visit again on our caravan to Harrodsburg on Sunday.



## You are gonna historic Madison!

they had come to Kentucky in the spring of 1780...

"...with a view and expectation to procure a Tract of Land to enable them to settle together in a body for the convenience of civil society and propagating the Gospel in their known language..."

Instead, the Indians had confined them to stations or forts where they were always in danger and frequently on military duty. Many had been killed or captured while being barely able to support their families. Worst of all, the best lands had been monopolized and were only available at an advanced price.

They asked Congress..."...to enable them to settle in a body together...to put their intended plan and purpose in execution, they having principally in view the Glory of God, the promotion of Civil and religious society, educating and instructing their rising generation in the principals of religion and morality..."

The petition is signed by 46 inhabitants already living in Kentucky and then by 105 "Intend Friends" in Virginia, Pennsylvania and New Jersey who intended to move west if a grant was obtained.

### From Harrodsburg to Pleasureville, KY

Congress ignored the petition, and eventually the Dutch made a deal with

Squire Boone – younger brother of Daniel Boone – to purchase a large tract of uninhabited land (that land is now in Henry and Shelby Counties.) Boone had more than twelve thousand acres, but unfortunately his claim to part of the land was in dispute. The Dutchmen were able to purchase clear about 5,600 acres from Boone and another 3,000 acres which became known (and still is) as the "Low Dutch Tract".

Pleasureville, KY, was near the center, and this is where they built their second church, called the "Six Mile Meetinghouse."

Eventually abandoned, the sturdy timber frame was subsequently moved, probably twice, ending up as a barn frame behind the old List home, about a quarter-mile the other direction along 421 from its original site where it was found in 2003, and restored.

### From Pleasureville, KY to Madison, Indiana and on...

Settled in 1809, Madison in Jefferson County Indiana was a major river port and supply town.

Rykers, Smocks, and others squatted in Jefferson County near Hanover, Manville, and Canaan.

By 1812, Samuel Demaree and his son Daniel Demaree had entered a very large tract of land on Indian-Kentuck creek. About 1817, Pleasant Township became known as the "Dutch" settlement under leadership of Rev. Henry Banta. Eight related Dutch families there included

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Banta, Voris, Demaree, Carnine, Vannice/Van Nys, Vandever, Harmon and VanOsdol/Vanarsdale families.

**We will visit the Pleasant “Dutch” settlement on Friday’s tour, Sept 20, with narrator Lynn Rogers who grew up on Ryker’s Ridge, near Madison.**

As usual, one of the first things our Dutch people did was erect a building for worship. The first church in the “Dutch Settlement” was a hewed log house one-and-a-half stories high, with a “gallery.” In 1833 it had neither fireplace nor stove. Major Voris was one of the most prominent of this organization. He would come in mid - winter, bringing a kettle of coals with him, and this was all the heat they had –except for a fiery sermon.

**You won’t want to miss a minute of this three-day event!**



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## Want to Learn More about the Low Dutch?

To be added to the Dutch Cousins round robin email list, send an email to [CarolynLeonard@me.com](mailto:CarolynLeonard@me.com). For more info, check with our official webpage, Pam Ellingson webmaster: [www.DutchCousins.org](http://www.DutchCousins.org) Check out my webpage at [www.carolynbleonard.com](http://www.carolynbleonard.com) and read the Dutch Cousins info, and DC Heritage. Download free genealogy stuff at <http://bit.ly/Genealogystuff> Barbara Whiteside manages a Facebook page, Dutch Cousins of Kentucky.

**You can see this newsletter in full color on the webpage: [www.CarolynBLeonard.com](http://www.CarolynBLeonard.com), choose Dutch Cousins.**

## New Logo Pins, Tee Shirts, and Group Photos

Jim Cozine has ordered special pins with our Dutch logo which will be available at the gathering along with a new T-shirt design. Order and pay for them with your registration so they will be ready for pickup when you get there.

All funds go for further restoration of the Old Mud Meeting House, our treasure in Mercer County KY, where Rev. Claude Westerfield will conduct the worship services Sunday afternoon.

We will have a group photo around noon on Saturday, so please be wearing your Dutch Tee-Shirt.





# Dutch Cousins Gathering 2013

September 20, 21, 22, 2013

Madison, Jefferson County, Indiana

- \* **Sept 20th FRIDAY**-- 8:30 - 2:00 Coffee, Registration at Clifty Inn Meeting room, Pick up nametags, schedules etc.  
9 am: Memorial Service for Low Dutch Veterans of Revolutionary and 1812 War. After memorial, set up family History Tables, Silent Auction items, prepare for business meeting, Lunch on your own.  
**1:00 BUSINESS MEETING**; 3:00 Caravan tour to Dutch settlement near Pleasant Church: 5:30 return  
OR take a walking tour of beautiful Historic Downtown Madison and Ohio Riverfront area (maps at desk)  
6:30 pm: Dinner Buffet at Clifty Inn; **Speaker -- Vince Akers - "After Kentucky--Migration to Indiana"**
- \* **Sept 21st-SATURDAY** -- 9:00 - 11:00 a.m: coffee - Clifty Inn Meeting Room,  
10 am Welcome by Mayor, Meet your Cousins, Family Genealogy tables, Networking, Silent auction,  
Noon lunch: **Speakers: Dr. Bob Schenck "Travels with a Dutchman," & video "Dutch New York" by Mary Jo Gohmann;**  
**4:00-5:00 pm- Book sale & Autograph Party**; 5:00 pm-Silent Auction ends.  
6:30 p.m. Dinner buffet - **Speaker - Patsy Harris - "Low Dutch & The Underground Railroad"**
- \* **Sept 22-SUNDAY** -- Checkout & leave Clifty by 9:00 am, Caravan to Six-Mile, Pleasureville, & Harrodsburg, KY.  
10:30-11:30 **History talk at Six-Mile by Vince Akers. 12:45 Lunch at 19th Hole, Harrodsburg KY.**  
**2:30 pm Worship at Old Mud Meeting Hs, Harrodsburg, KY, Rev. Claude Westerfield - PUBLIC INVITED**
- \* **Sept 23 - MONDAY** - Harrodsburg Historical Library open for cousins to research 10 - 3

Please TYPE or PRINT CLEARLY each person's name who will be attending (for nametags) Use separate sheet if necessary.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Cell PHONE for contact while traveling ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Low Dutch Family Affiliation (Last name of ONE Favorite Dutch ancestor) \_\_\_\_\_

Additional meal tickets for spouses/guests must be purchased in advance with pre-registration. Registration fees go to pay for meeting room rent, newsletter printing, postage and incidentals. All events are casual dress. Any extra registration funds will go to "Save Old Mud", and for 2015 Reunion seed money. Fri & Sat meals catered by Clifty Inn. Schedule may change slightly - stay in touch.

Registration, per person	@ \$25 each: x 1 = \$ 25.00
.....Spouse or Companion	@ \$ 5 each: x _____ = \$ _____
.....Late registration - received after Aug 1, 2013	@ \$ 5 each: x _____ = \$ _____
Friday Dinner (6:30pm) (Set up displays 10am) (business mtg 1pm)	@ \$22 each: x _____ = \$ _____
Saturday Lite Lunch (Clifty Inn at noon)	@ \$15 each: x _____ = \$ _____
Saturday night Dinner (6:30 pm at Clifty Inn)	@ \$22 each: x _____ = \$ _____
Sunday Buffet Lunch at 19th Hole, Harrodsburg, KY (on your own)	
Total for T-shirts (from reverse)	@ \$12 each: x _____ = \$ _____
Total for new Low Dutch lapel pins (from reverse)	@ \$ 5 each: x _____ = \$ _____
NO charge for Sunday at Old Mud, but we need chair count _____	
Monday-free Research time at HHS for Cousins, need chair count _____	

**TOTAL (enclosed)** .....

Questions? Contact Donna Gaines (775) 434.3786;  
Barbara Whiteside (812) 945-9067;  
or email: CarolynLeonard@me.com

**Clifty Inn, Clifty Falls State Park**  
**may already be FULL of Cousins! (See info on reverse)**  
**For other housing or info, contact Madison IN**  
**1 (800) 559 2956**  
**1 (812) 265 2956**  
**Free brochure & maps, email: info@visitmadison.org**

**Make checks to Dutch Cousins, and mail completed form with check or money order (no cash) to:**  
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phone: 502-538-6023  
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*2011 Dutch Cousins at Harrodsburg KY*



CAROLE KARWATKA will be pre-ordering new Dutch Cousin T-Shirts for our 2013 reunion. We will have a photographer Saturday and will take a group photo around noon so please be wearing your Dutch Cousin tee-shirt!

Please place your order when you send in your registration and we will have your correct size when you arrive.

The white T-shirts will have our Dutch Cousin logo and stitching in bright orange on the front, with the place name "Madison, Indiana." The shirts are made of Gildan 100 percent cotton 5.3 oz. pre-shrunk cotton. ORANGE is the royal color for Low Dutch.

ENTER number ordered in each size S \_\_, M \_\_, L \_\_, XL \_\_, XXL \_\_, XXXL \_\_  
 NUMBER of T-Shirts ordered \_\_ @ \$12 ea = \$ \_\_\_\_ (Larger than XL is a dollar more.)  
 (Transfer these total amounts to registration on reverse)  
 Dutch Lapel Pins, number ordered \_\_ @ \$5 each = \_\_\_\_

You are  
gonna LOVE  
Clifty Falls  
and historic  
Madison,  
Indiana  
Low Dutch  
Cousins  
Gathering  
Sept. 21-23,  
2013



Each Low Dutch family name group is delighted to share information about their ancestors using various displays with pictures and genealogy information. One of the most interesting displays in 2007 was a map of the tracts of land in Shelby County sold to the Low Dutch by Squire. In 2011 it was the 1797 petition with the Low Dutch signatures. Start your display now! Contact the chairperson at  
 <ellingson.pam@gmail.com>



**Clifty Falls Inn (Indiana State Parks) Reservations phone number is: 877.563.4371**

**They just opened a few more rooms up for us.**

**Special rates for arriving Thursday September 19 - Departing Sunday Sept 22, 2013**

**Give our Group code #0920 DC or the Inn will say they're full.**

**Clifty Inn, Clifty Falls State Park**

**Rte 45, 1501 Green Road, Madison, IN 47250**



# Low Dutch Cousins

## Some of the Speakers and Entertainment for 2013 Gathering



Friday Sept 20, 3:00 pm - Caravan or bus tour to Dutch settlement near Pleasant Church  
Lynn Rogers of Dayton, Ohio, grew up on Ryker's Ridge near Madison, Indiana. He is a descendant of Gerardus Riker and other Low Dutch ancestors. Lynn has carefully planned this scenic tour of about 50 miles total / 1 hr 45 minutes of driving time without stops. He is still working on chartering a bus for those who would like to have a narrator aboard. There will be a small charge for the bus - if that becomes a reality.



Friday Sept 20, 6:30 pm - Dinner at Clifty Inn, Madison  
Keynote Speaker: Vincent Akers of Indianapolis, IN, author of *"The Low Dutch Company on the Kentucky Frontier"* ...and hero of Old Mud Meetinghouse, Vince will hold you spellbound with his tales of our people. He will give us the reasoning behind the migration from Kentucky to Indiana. Vince said, *"The reasons are rather interesting--land, labor, land, slavery, land, religion and land. I'll cover not only Jefferson County, but also Switzerland and Johnson Counties where other major Low Dutch settlements were made. I'll even take our cousins quickly to the Pacific coast and beyond."*



Saturday Lunch, noon, Clifty Inn, Madison IN:  
Dr. Robert R. "Bob" Schenck, MD of Chicago, Ill, internationally known hand surgeon and author of *"Travels with Ghengis Khan,"* will keep us moving as we travel with this Dutchman as he drives ten thousand miles from London to Mongolia across seventeen exotic countries on many unmarked and hazardous roads to donate an ambulance to charity, the Ulaanbaator hospital. This spell-binding storyteller will share incredible photos and a fascinating story. (Note: We visited Dr. Bob's ancestral home *"The Schenck house,"* preserved inside the Brooklyn museum, on our Dutch Footprints tour in 2011.)



Saturday after Lunch, Clifty Inn, Madison IN:  
Mary Jo Gohmann of Floyd's Knob IN prepared a video, *"Dutch Footprints from New Amsterdam"* illustrating the Dutch Cousins trip in 2011, following the long hard journey from Kentucky, visiting each of our ancestor's sojourns in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and of course, the Cousins enjoyed modern New York while looking for Dutch footprints in old New Amsterdam -- and building muscle while hauling our suitcases on and off the bus, in and out of hotels.



Saturday Dinner Keynote, Clifty Inn, Madison IN:  
Patsy Ann Harris, wife of Rev. Chapman Harris – the *"Colored Apostle of Freedom"* will tell about her life as a slave before she married. Later she became free, legal and educated – and very involved with the Underground Railroad (UGRR) movements through Madison.  
***Mrs. Harris may reveal some previously unknown secrets about the Low Dutch involvement with this illegal UGRR operation. You may check her records in the***

# Plans for Sunday, September 22



We will leave Clifty Inn by 9 am Sunday to go to Harrodsburg for an early afternoon worship service in the Old Mud meetinghouse of our ancestors. On the way we will stop at the OTHER dutch meeting house near Pleasureville in Henry County, built by our Dutch after they left Harrodsburg - and before they went to Madison.



Called Six-Mile Meeting, the frame was discovered inside a barn a few years ago, then moved where it is now and restored as a wool and yarn shop. We visited there in 2007 when our gathering was held at Shelbyville and it is lovely. The drive from think most people will don't want to drive, evening and may be know if you need Madison to Harrodsburg takes about two hours, and since we be heading home from there, the plan is to caravan. If you some cousins will no doubt be returning to Madison that willing take some riders to Harrodsburg and back. Let us help making those arrangements.

Vince Akers contacted the owners of 6-mile Meeting house (now a yarn shop), and arranged to have it open when we caravan to Harrodsburg on Sunday Sept 22. We are planning on 30 to 45 minutes for the stop, and Vince will give us a little history of the building, and area, etc. After that, we will continue our journey, and stop at the 19th Hole restaurant in Harrodsburg, for a bite of lunch, in case anyone wants to join us there. After that we will proceed to Old Mud for our church service around 2:30 PM. Dutch Cousins president Claude Westerfield of Farragut Iowa will bring the sermon and we hope vocalist Eddie Sherrow of Harrodsburg will join us again this year to warm our hearts with his songs.



The Dutch Cousins donated \$7,000 to Old Mud restoration last year, and it is my understanding the money was used to purchase and install new doors and windows. It will be a joy to see the building with those doors installed.

On Monday, the Harrodsburg Historical Library will be open special hours for Cousins to research from 10 am to 3 pm.

We have proudly honored thirty-five

Low Dutch Veterans of the Revolutionary War at the Old Mud Meetinghouse Graveyard, by placing markers for them. Most are believed buried in this burial ground, some are in now-abandoned cemeteries and the markers are



## Memories!



### 2005 - Our first gathering as "Dutch Cousins" to include all the family names.

100 cousins joined us as Historian Jerry Sampson led us on a walking tour of Harrodsburg, and to the 1800s-era homes of Dutch ancestors John Cozine and John DeMotte. Our cousin, Ralph Anderson of Circle A Farms, invited us to meet in his palatial "cow palace barn" and he even furnished buses and drivers for a tour of his plantation.

### 2007 – (Red shirts) We gathered in Shelbyville, where Vince Akers led 125 cousins on a bus

tour to Eastwood KY, where back in 1781 we lost some Dutch Cousins at the Long Run Massacre. We saw the Dutch Tract Cemetery, ate at the Old Stone Inn and saw the courthouse in New Castle, toured a horse farm and the Six Mile Meeting house at Pleasureville. On Sunday at Old Mud we held our first memorial service for Dutch Revolutionary Veterans.

### 2009 – (Blue shirts) Back in Harrodsburg, we spent a day touring Shakertown on Pleasant Hill and

learned about our Dutch ancestors who lived there. We were joined by 150 cousins from 25 states.

### 2011 – (Orange shirts)

After we learned to identify Dutch H-Bent barn construction on tour, Vince Akers inspired us with details on the Low Dutch petition of 1782 and displayed enlarged pics of our ancestors signatures. After a day networking with cousins and another day at worship in Old Mud, 20 cousins departed on an unforgettable 10 day trip to discover Dutch New York and follow our Dutch footprints from there to Kentucky. More than a hundred attended.

**AND WHAT WILL WE REMEMBER OF 2013?**



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**Welkom!**



**YOU and your family are invited to  
Our FIFTH Low Dutch Cousins Gathering!**

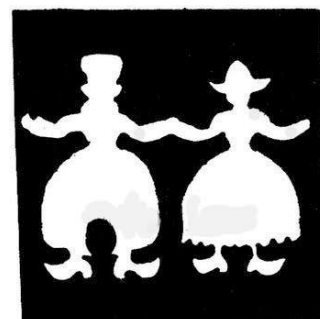
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